



FRESHMAN

### YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Review core requirements.
- Take WS 2300, Introduction to Women's Studies, or WS 2350, Global Feminisms, during your freshman year if possible. Register early to secure a space in WS 2300 or 2350, or speak with your advisor about alternatives.
- Examine the options for your core Math requirement.
- Explore Humanities and Social Sciences courses such as Ethics, Sociology, Philosophy, Anthropology, and World History 2301 and 2302.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Visit the Academic Advising Center for a language placement exam.
- Ask your advisor about joining a learning community.

### ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Explore student organizations and seek out leadership-development activities.
- Volunteer at the Women's History Month Conference.
- Visit the Women's and Gender Studies Facebook page to learn about upcoming events. Attend talks to cultivate a culture of critical thinking.
- Maintain a high GPA to qualify for UTEP Triota, the Women's and Gender Studies student organization as a sophomore.

### LIFE LONG SUCCESS

- Discover tutoring resources, such as the University Writing Center and the Math Resource Center for Students.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Visit the University Career Center and begin developing your resume or CV.
- Practice professionalism by maintaining a clean record and an appropriate social media presence.

SOPHOMORE

- Take core courses and consider Women's and Gender Studies classes for your Liberal Arts block electives.
- Begin taking courses for your language requirement.
- Explore minors that align with your interests. Consider the following options: Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, and Communication.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Ask your advisor about the benefits of Study Abroad courses.
- Discuss minor options with your advisor.
- Talk with Women's and Gender Studies faculty about career opportunities in the field.
- Reach out to the LSPI if you are considering law school, particularly if you are minoring in Legal Reasoning.

- Join UTEP Triota, the Women's and Gender Studies student organization, and engage with your field through campus events and service activities.
- Discover community engagement opportunities through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Volunteer at the Women's History Month Conference.
- Continue to visit the Women's and Gender Studies Facebook page to learn about upcoming events. Attend talks to cultivate a culture of critical thinking.
- Explore the world with a Study Abroad course.

- Network at employer recruitment activities with JobMine.
- Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Represent your College through the Liberal Arts Ambassadors Program.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the Office of Scholarships.
- Cultivate relationships with faculty and community members in anticipation of securing four professional contacts for graduate and employment applications.
- Visit the University Career Center and continue developing your resume/CV and your professional portfolio.

JUNIOR

- Take junior level Women's and Gender Studies courses from the following concentration areas: Gender and Communication/Media, Gender and Women's Health, Global Feminisms, and Feminist Praxis.
- Declare a minor that aligns with your interests. Consider the following options: Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, and Communications.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the Women's and Gender Studies advisor before registration.
- Discuss internship opportunities with your advisor.
- Ask your advisor about the Women's and Gender Studies concentration areas.
- Reach out to the LSPI if you are considering law school, particularly if you are minoring in Legal Reasoning.
- Visit the College of Liberal Arts Student Success Center once you reach 90 hours for a review of your degree plan.

- Cultivate a leadership role with UTEP Triota.
- Present at the Women's History Month Conference.
- Explore opportunities to present at other regional and national conferences, such as Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social. Investigate conference funding through the Dodson Funds and the Student Government Association.
- Build on your community-engagement efforts by participating in Project MOVE.
- Enhance your global awareness with a unique study abroad summer class experience in Spain or Morocco.

- Identify opportunities for graduate or professional study.
- Cultivate relationships with professors and mentors in anticipation of securing four professional contacts for graduate and employment applications.
- Consult with Women's and Gender Studies faculty as you prepare your professional portfolio.
- Visit the University Career Center and continue developing your resume/CV and your professional portfolio.
- Practice professionalism by maintaining a clean record and an appropriate social media presence.

SENIOR

- Complete your major requirements. You must have 33 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level, and you must have 120 total credit hours to graduate.
- Take WS 4310, Feminist Theory.
- Emphasize connections between your WS coursework and embedded high-impact practices, such as internships and the development of your professional portfolio.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the Women's and Gender Studies advisor before registration.
- Review your graduation audit with the Graduation Director.
- Talk with Women's and Gender Studies faculty about career opportunities in the field.

- Expand your leadership efforts with UTEP Triota.
- Present at the Women's History Month Conference.
- Explore opportunities to present at other regional and national conferences, such as Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social. Investigate conference funding through the Dodson Funds and the Student Government Association.
- Enhance your global awareness with a unique study abroad summer class experience in Spain or Morocco. Note that these study abroad courses can serve as a capstone.
- Learn about the Rainbow Miner Initiative, and consider attending the Rainbow Graduate Reception.

- Reach out to UTEP faculty and mentors to secure professional references for graduate/law school applications or employment efforts.
- Take the GRE if preparing for graduate school.
- Take the LSAT if preparing for law school.
- Explore job fairs and pursue career opportunities.
- Refine your resume/CV, take a professional photo, and develop your professional portfolio at the University Career Center.
- Join the UTEP Alumni Association.
- Develop your future employment opportunities by securing an internship.
- Reach out to UTEP Friends of Women's Studies to support your program and connect with your community.

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### EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking



## Welcome to UTEP College of Liberal Arts

With nearly 7,000 students, the College of Liberal Arts is the largest college on the UTEP campus, with degree programs in the visual and performing arts, the humanities and the social sciences. The college also provides most of the UTEP core curriculum to students in all colleges. Excellence is found throughout the college's programs, from its online bilingual M.F.A. in Creative Writing – the first of its kind in the country – to its doctoral degrees in Borderlands History, Rhetoric and Composition, and Psychology. Faculty engages in interdisciplinary research in Hispanic health disparities, social justice, border studies and environmental communication. The Patricia and Paul Yetter Law School Preparation Institute, a program that helps prepare UTEP students for law school, is nationally known for its success. In several degree programs, students have the opportunity to enroll in internships, which provide valuable experience in their areas of interest. Students also benefit from an increasing number of study abroad opportunities, including courses taught by college faculty in Rome, London and Seville, Spain. The college's new honors program began in 2012 with a variety of academic enrichment components and an honors minor.

## Seek UT

The UT System has developed **SeekUT** to provide valuable data about employment earnings for the first five years after graduation, as well as average student loan debt for graduates by degree major.

- View information about your degree major with this **free**, on-line tool.
- Get real data about employment earnings based on more than 210,000 UTEP and other UT institution graduates working in Texas.
- Explore graduate school data, too.

[www.utsystem.edu/seekUT](http://www.utsystem.edu/seekUT)

## Checklist for success

- Create a Job Mine account.
- Check in with your advisor.
- Review your degree plan to stay on track. ([degreeplans.utep.edu](http://degreeplans.utep.edu))
- Attend a financial literacy workshop.
- Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC). ([sa.utep.edu/selc](http://sa.utep.edu/selc))

## The top 10 skills employers seek:

- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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